

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 17, 2006. Claims 1 to 25 are pending in the application, of which Claims 2 to 7, 10, 12, 13, and 15 to 24 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1 is the only independent claim under consideration. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended, and Claim 25 has been newly added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 11, and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding use of the term “additional information”, Applicant respectfully submits that one skilled in the art would understand this term to mean information additional to the identification of the medical examination device.

Regarding use of the language “memory into which particular additional information about the medical examination device is remotely writable through a network”, the Office Action takes the position that this language is indefinite because it is unclear where the memory is located. However, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no requirement to specify the location of the memory. This goes to breadth and not to indefiniteness. See MPEP § 2173.04.

As for use of the language “based on the identification”, Applicant respectfully submits that this matter has been attended to by the amendments made herein.

Claims 1, 8, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,167,358 (Othmer). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, writing down in the memory the particular additional information about the medical examination device while correlating the particular additional information with the identification of the medical examination device,

wherein the particular additional information relates to an inspection result and a usage record of the medical examination device.

Othmer is not seen to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed feature.

The dependent claims under consideration are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from the independent claim discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each of these dependent claims is respectfully requested.

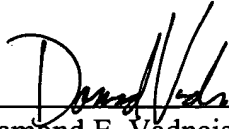
With respect to non-elected species Claims 10, 12, and 13, rejoinder of these claims is respectfully requested upon the allowance of generic Claim 1. See MPEP §§ 809 and 821.04(a).

An Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted herewith, and consideration of the documents cited therein is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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